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OF LOOP DETECTION  
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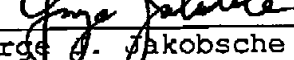
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In the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, the Examiner states that "Murthy-Bare teaches the claimed invention substantially as claimed." Applicant respectfully submits that, for at least the reasons stated by the Examiner, Murthy-Bare does not teach the invention substantially as claimed.

In the last paragraph on Page 3, the Examiner paraphrases Applicant's argument regarding a source MAC address. This paraphrasing includes a reference to a "switch's MAC address," however this paraphrasing is incomplete. Applicant's argument includes at least one other example of a source MAC address.

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